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SHORT COMMUNICATION

Anobium inexpectatum (Herbst) (Coleoptera: Anobiidae) in Yorkshire.—A single female of this species was beaten from foliage of wych elm (Ulmus glabra Huds.) during a survey of the biological interests of the Braithwaite Hall Estate in Coverdale, North West Yorkshire (VC 65), 17.viii.1987. The elm was growing in the tree-lined rocky gorge of the River Cover to the west of Hullo Bridge (SE115865). Anobium inexpectatum was added to the British list by Allen (1977) on the basis of old material standing as A. punctatum. My own specimen sat as such in my collection until I spotted it this year! It is mostly known from the southern counties, with Leicestershire—until now—the northernmost to my knowledge.

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Rhopalum gracile Wesmael (Hymenoptera: Sphecidae) from E. Norfolk.—During a biological survey of National Trust properties in Norfolk in 1990, a specimen of this rare wasp was swept from a reed-filled ditch at Heigham Holmes (TG445205), in the Norfolk Broads, on 14.iv.90. Richards (1980) describes this as a rare species, known only from fens in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. A. Foster (pers. comm.) informs me that the Nature Conservancy Council invertebrate survey of East Anglian fens has also produced records of this species for Broadland, but not as yet from other parts of the survey area. His records are as follows: Catfield (TG3621), specimens in water traps in sedge beds, 1988 and 1989; Hickling (TG4221), in reed and sedge